

City of Memphi



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Advisory Council for Citizens with
Disabilities

TENNESSEE

MACCD Meeting Minutes July 15, 2015

Present: Gary Smith, Christina SClift, Deborah Carter, Betty Anderson, William Bass, Louis Patrick, Carlene Leaper, Teresa Wilson, Ron Aven, Josue Rodriguez, Tashara Tolbert, Veronica Mckinney, *Paula Polite

Absent: Lynn Tune, Lynn Sanders, Kim Tutt, Samuel Griffin, Susan Mills, Ann Smith, Patricia Beane

Guests: Valerie Dunn

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Louis and Second provided by Ron Aven: Minutes from May 13 2015 meeting were approved with no changes or correctio

City Updates:

There wer no updates from the City of Memphis

Committee Reports:

Housing and Accessibility Committee: Chairperson – Louis Patrick

Louis reported that the committee is continuing to work on issues of accessible sidewalks and curb ramps. They are investigating and exploring money in a new “Freedom Grant” that could dupply capital to help with ccurb ramps and bus stops close to approximately one million dollars. They are giving

attention to fixing the frop off at the terminal. The committee is also working on wording to amend the visitability ordinance.

Disability and Awareness: Chairperson – Christina Clift

At the last meeting, a letter was drafted to be sent to City divisions. This letter was made available to Council members for review and feedback. Christina asked that if anyone has suggestions to please send them to her so that the letter may be revised before being distributed. The committee is working on planning for a summit in the spring of 2016.

Transportation: chairperson – Betty Anderson

The committee met on June 12 2015 . BeMr. Garrison and Ms Stanco (MATApplus management staff) were present at the meeting. Betty reported that there have been complaints from people not being able to get reservations at the time they have requested, even when they have called a day or so in advance.

**Education and Employment: Chairperson – Veronica McKinney
Pat Beane**

VeronicThe committee met on July 8 2015 at Cargil. Greta Hunter and Leslie Coleman presented an overview of the company. Gary Smith talked about the impact of closing SRVS workshops and efforts to employ persons with disabilities in more traditional positions with area employers. He also thanked Paula Polite for her efforts and work on the MACCD webpage on the City of Memphis' website. Dr. Lavonnie Perry Clayton addressed the committee regarding services of the Access Center to help persons with disabilities be more equal with their non-disabled peers in the workforce. There was discussion regarding the NDEAM luncheon to be held in October. A letter will be sent out to solicit sponsorships. In addition, a venue needs to be secured. Potential sites are being explored. Pat Beane gave an update on Project SEARCh. 10 new interns will be placed at LeBonheur. Progress is continuing in the College Transition program at the University of Memphis. There are more than 80 students enrolled in the Tigerlife program. Some of these students will be placed through programs at Goodwill and throughout the community. In addition, Pat indicated that efforts are underway to set up an account with Shelby County Schools for funds for the appreciation luncheon. Jeff Findley reported on the success of the Walgreens READY

program. Since April, 10 persons have participated in the program, which trains persons with disabilities to work in Walgreens stores and other similar positions involving retail and customer service positions. 7 of these externs have been successfully placed. Drew Gentry has agreed that Home Depot will mentor approx.. 800 individuals during Disability Employment Mentoring Day. The next committee meeting will be held September 9 2015 at Home Depot.

Old Business

Gary reported that the wording for the MACCD mission, vision, and goals for the City webpage on the City's website was approved via electronic vote. We discussed revisions to the webpage (adding a picture, ideas for link words, contact information, posting Council meeting minutes, resources).

Gary expressed thanks to Paula on behalf of the Council for her assistance in helping to get the webpage up and going on the City's website.

New Business

We discussed having another strategic planning session. Christina, Carlene, and Paula agreed to work on the logistics for the session: venue, date, facilitator. We discussed the possibility of utilizing one of the community centers, and how this could increase visibility of the Council. Other considerations wer also discussed such as interference with scheduled activities, etc.

Deborah agreed to get information to Paula regarding committee chairpersons and Council members.

Gary stated that the next Council meeting will be held on September 16 2015.

The meeting was adjourned.

**Respectfully Submitted
Deborah Carter
MACCD Secretary**